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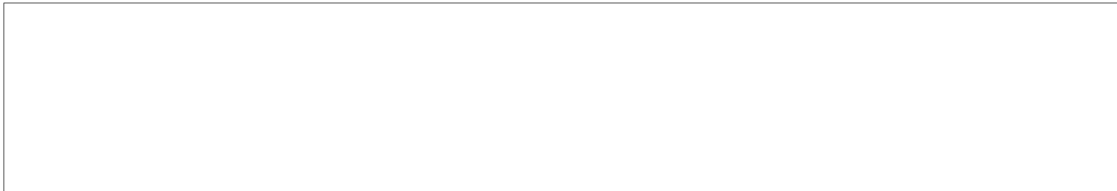
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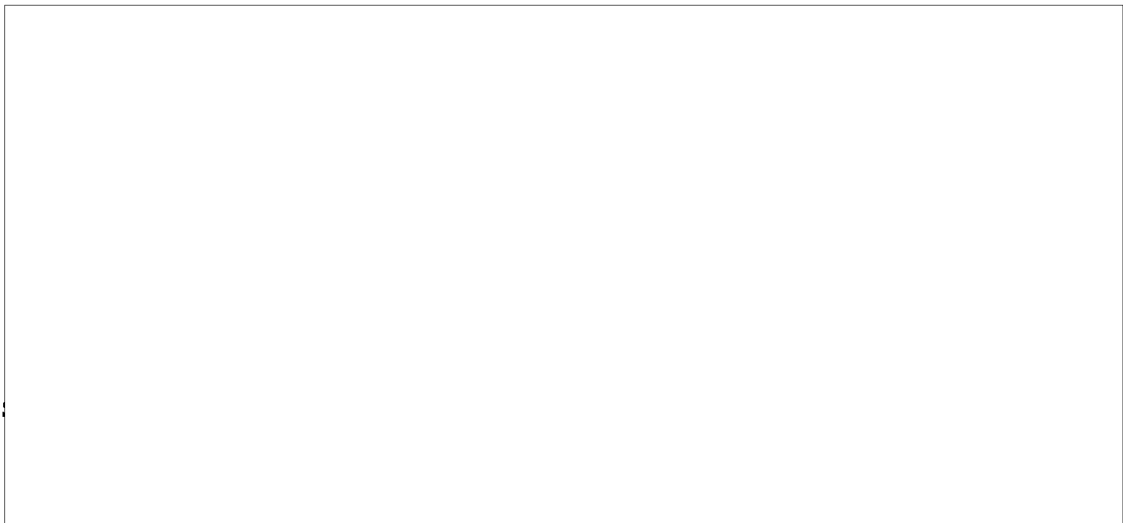


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③ CUBA-FRANCE: Rodriguez Visits Paris

Cuban Vice President Rodriguez arrives in Paris on Monday for a three-day visit at President Mitterrand's invitation.

Comment: Havana has been disappointed that the Mitterrand government has not significantly improved bilateral economic and diplomatic relations. Rodriguez will attempt to gain government-backed hard currency loans, French support for restrictions on EC sugar exports, and a commitment to expand imports from Cuba. He also will look for increased scientific and technical assistance and the opening of an airline route from Paris to Havana to improve Cuba's tourist industry.

To entice the French, Rodriguez probably will overstate Cuba's willingness to support negotiations on Central America and even African issues. He will point to the US as the sole obstacle to peaceful solutions.

1/2 Mitterrand is certain to stress the need for a political resolution to the problems in Central America. Paris believes that the key is some reconciliation between Cuba and the US and hopes to play a mediating role. Mitterrand thus sees the visit as an opportunity to probe how far Cuba is willing to go.

The French do not want to improve relations with Cuba at any price, however, and recently appear to have become more attuned to US sensitivities to their overtures to Cuba. Although Mitterrand believes that Cuba may want to increase its independence of the USSR, he remains wary of Soviet-Cuban ties and of Cuban activities in Africa.

At a minimum, the French probably will offer the less politically and economically costly concessions of an airline route or increased scientific and technical assistance as inducements. They may offer more substantial economic concessions, but only if concrete Cuban political responses are forthcoming.

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OPEC Production*(in million b/d)*

Country	Quota	March Average	April Average ^a	Current ^{a,b}
Algeria	0.65	0.7	0.6	0.5
Ecuador	0.20	0.2	0.2	0.2
Gabon	0.20	0.2	0.2	0.2
Indonesia	1.25	1.6	1.3	1.3
Iran	1.20	1.8	1.5-2.0	2.0-2.5
Iraq	1.20	1.5	0.9	0.8
Kuwait	0.65	0.7	0.6	0.5
Libya	0.75	0.7	0.6	0.6
Neutral Zone	0.30	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nigeria	1.30	0.9	0.9	0.9
Qatar	0.30	0.4	0.3	0.3
Saudi Arabia	7.00	7.2	6.9	6.9
UAE	1.00	1.4	1.2	1.2
Venezuela	1.50	1.8	1.6	1.5
Total	17.50	19.4	17.1-17.6	17.2-17.7

^a Estimated.^b As of 30 April.

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OPEC: Oil Production Goal Met

OPEC appears to have attained its crude oil production cut-back target of 17.5 million barrels per day in April and has at least temporarily stabilized spot prices despite Iran's refusal to cooperate. [redacted]

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Production by OPEC members for the month is about 1 to 1.5 million barrels per day higher than the 15.9 million barrels per day announced last week by the organization's monitoring committee. The discrepancy is caused mainly by the committee's inability to get accurate production figures, especially from Iran. Iranian output has risen in recent weeks by an estimated 500,000 barrels per day, and is at least 800,000 barrels per day above its quota of 1.2 million barrels per day.

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Saudi production has remained near 7 million barrels per day throughout April. Recent production by the Aramco partners has rapidly filled storage facilities, prompting Aramco to consider a cut of 500,000 barrels per day.

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Comment: The recent firming up of prices on the spot market indicates that OPEC's efforts to defend the \$34-per-barrel benchmark price by limiting production are working. Iran's success, however, may force the Saudis to make additional cuts over the next several months and prevent Nigeria and other financially strapped producers from selling more.

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⑧ IRAN-IRAQ: Iranian Offensive Under Way

Iran claims to have captured more than 3,000 Iraqis and to have seized control of sections of the Ahvaz-Khorramshahr road about 25 kilometers north of Khorramshahr. [REDACTED]

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1-5 Comment: The fighting is likely to last about a week and approach the intensity of the battles at Dezful in March. Unless the Iraqis contain the Iranian thrust north of Khorramshahr quickly, Iraqi units at Hoveyzeh and along the Kharkheh Kur River probably will be forced to retreat. [REDACTED]

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⑨ ISRAEL: Tensions in Jerusalem

Groups of armed Israeli extremists have made four attempts since Monday to enter the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Begin government's response to them has been low-key. [REDACTED]

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1-10 Arab-Israeli tensions are running high in Jerusalem following the killing earlier this month of two Arabs by an Israeli who entered the mosque area. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The government probably is anxious to avoid further showdowns with the extremists after the incidents that occurred last week during the Sinai withdrawal. Additional attempts by the extremists, most of whom belong to a far-right group, will almost certainly lead to new violence. [REDACTED]

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